

**Commission on Aging
Public Policy Committee
February 9 2017**

Members Present: Stephanie Edelstein, John Honig, Karen Maricheau, Jerry Morenoff

Staff Present: Odile Brunetto

Stephanie opened the meeting at 9:30 am.

State Legislative Activity

Odile distributed a copy of John's table of bills filed.

Stephanie reported that 3 letters have already been sent in support of bills. Letters are sent to Committee chairs and members of the MC delegation. Copies have been emailed to COA members.

- HB 147 "Health Aging Program" asking that dental services be included if the program is funded.
- HB 387 "Assisted Living Program Transparency Act"
- HB 256 "Adult Protective Services – Investigation – Time Period Increase."

The PPC discussed several other relevant bills and recommended responses. A list of the bills considered and results of the discussions is attached.

County Budget and Legislative Activity

The Committee briefly discussed COA member participation in Mr. Leggett's recent Town Hall Budget Meetings.

The County Executive's Operating Budget will be released by March 15. As in the past, PPC will work with Odile's office to set up meetings with Council members at which COA members can discuss COA budget priorities. These meetings will take place in April.

The only bill of interest pending at the Council right now is the Senior Homeowner Property Tax Relief Bill (42-16). The COA is on record in support of this bill.

Odile distributed a copy of the Draft "Montgomery County Regulation: Transportation Services Improvement Fund Requirements" which would establish procedures for disbursing monies from the Transportation Services Improvement Fund. (Proposed Regulation MBER No 1-17), which is open for public comment until March 2, 2017. Odile also distributed a copy of Shawn Brennan's analysis of the proposed regulation. The proposed regulations will be discussed further at the COA Executive Committee meeting next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.